



The Steeple May 12, 2024

10:00AM* Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
10:00AM^ Contemporary Worship
Wesley Worship Ctr



A United Methodist Congregation

*Facebook livestreamed ^YouTube livestreamed

WELCOME

We are blessed to have you with us in worship this day!
Our mission: "Follow Jesus and Share Him with Others!"
Gather—Grow—Give—Go!

Order of Worship

Ascension Sunday

May 12, 2024

The liturgical color is white celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We lift up prayers for the nation, our community, our church family, staff, ministers, and for the work of Christ in the world.

Prelude "For the Beauty of the Earth" Rutter
(The Prelude is a pathway into the presence of God with meditation and silent prayer.)

Welcome & Passing of the Peace Rev. Jim Creel, Jr.

* **Chiming of the Trinity**

* **Opening Hymn** "For the Beauty of the Earth" UMH #92

* **Affirmation of Faith** Rev. Michelle Louk | UMH #881
I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

* **The Gloria Patri** UMH #70

Children's Message Harriet Clark
(Following, children ages 4 years to 1st grade, may be dismissed to Children's Church. Parents may pick up children after worship in room 102, Wesley Bldg.)

* **Scripture Reading** I John 5:1-5 Harriet Clark
Pew Bible NT pg.227

Anthem "I Have Seen Jesus in You" arr. Nolan

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Louk

The Lord's Prayer
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Celebrating Grace by Returning God's Tithes and Giving Our Offerings
(Offering Stewards will come forward at this time. Please register attendance.)

Offertory "Rock of Ages" arr. Bish

* **The Doxology** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH #95

* **Offertory Prayer** Rev. Louk

* **Hymn of Preparation** "Rock of Ages" UMH #361

(Continued on the next page.)

Scripture	Proverbs 31:28-29	<i>Pew Bible OT, pg. 579</i>
Sermon	“Blessing of Mothers”	Rev. Creel
* Closing Hymn	“Victory in Jesus”	UMH #370
* Benediction		Rev. Creel
* Postlude	“For the Beauty of the Earth”	arr. Lowe

(* *Please stand as you are able.*)

Welcome

We are blessed to welcome everyone today and pray that you will experience the presence of Christ together in worship.

Members and guests, kindly pass the attendance book along the pew to **register your attendance. Members may check-in on the Realm app on their mobile device.**

Worship aids available. Please see an usher for hearing devices, large print hymnals, and children’s Wiggle Bags.

Sunday School for all ages—4 through adult—9:00 to 9:45AM.

Nursery (infants and toddlers) is offered during Sunday school and worship in Wesley Building **rooms 101 and 106.**

Children’s Church is offered in Wesley room 102 for children ages 4 through first grade during worship. **First time parents in worship, please accompany your child/children after the children’s message in worship to check in.**

The **flowers** in worship today are given for the glory of God and in remembrance of our dear friend, Gene Waugh; and in praise to God for blessing our marriage of 55 years on May 17th. We give God all the honor and glory, Annette and Ed Willett.

Worship flowers are needed for July 14; Aug. 4, 11, 18, 25. To reserve one of these dates or a future date to place flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one, please contact Trisha Tuite in the church office, trisha@fumcmb.org or 843-448-7164.

Virtual worship opportunities may be found on Facebook (fumcmb), on our website (www.fumcmb.org), on the mobile app (fumc mb), or Sundays at 10AM on WFXB (FOX TV7), and on YouTube (@firstchurch6363).

Serving in Worship

GREETERS—MAY

Front Entrance Deborah & Ray Floyd

Office Entrance Teresa Crocker

Broadway Entrance EmilyAnn Skews

USHERS—MAY

Annette Willett: Denise Daniels, Glen Daniels, Carol Ann Felts, Ronnie Felts, Dabney Joyner, Beth Rozier, Jim Rozier, Ed Willett

ACOLYTE Drew Kelly

CRUCIFER Michael Kelly

CHILDREN’S CHURCH Kate Horsley, Sarah Wood

VIDEO Jim Lewis

AUDIO Melinda Morgan



Monthly Mission—MAY



Epworth Children's Home served over 1,400 children and families last year through their statewide programs. **Epworth provides care to children in our communities affected by abuse, neglect, and loss.** Epworth's support breaks the destructive cycle and encourages children to aim higher in life. Most of the children served by Epworth will not celebrate Mother's Day with their birth mothers. They will instead be surrounded by loving staff and foster parents who walk with them daily to provide spiritual, educational, emotional, and physical support.

This ministry is provided for and embraced by churches in South Carolina. **The annual Mother's Day Offering benefits the children who call Epworth home, as well as each child and family touched by Epworth's ministries.** Please be in prayerful consideration this month of what God is calling you to give to this life changing ministry. **For current needs, please visit online, www.epworthchildrenshome.org.**

CALLING ALL
VOLUNTEERS!



**First Church needs volunteers at the Community Kitchen
June 3-7, 2024, Monday thru Friday**

Two volunteers per shift are needed each day.

Breakfast: 7:00AM-10:00AM | Lunch: 10:00AM-1:30PM

Please **contact Michelle Bowers** 843-655-2253 to volunteer.

2024 Bible Lectionary Reading Plan

Week 19 (5/12/24): Acts 1, John 17, 2 Kings 2, Psalm 1, Romans 8

The **Wednesday Bible Study** meets weekly on **Wednesdays at 1:30PM in the 925**. Join us as we study in the book of **Genesis, chapters 16, 17, 18**. All are welcome. mdlouk@umcsc.org

Big Tom's "A Quote"

"Anything is possible right now, including the very thing you think you cannot do."
~ Laura McKowen, author

International Lesson Series

Bible Study for Sunday School classes includes the following weekly lesson reading plan.

May 13	Acts 10
May 14	Mark 2:13-17
May 15	Luke 5:27-39
May 16	Galatians 3:23-29
May 17	Acts 8:26-40
May 18	Psalm 87
May 19	Acts 11:1-18

*Uniform Series International Lesson Series
"Pentecost Reimagined"
Acts 2; 10

Sunday School Classes

Children's Classes (Wesley Bldg)

Infants to 12 months	W-101
Toddlers-1 to 3 yr olds	W-106
4 yrs to Pre-K	W-102
K & 1st grades	W-202
2nd & 3rd grades	W-204
4th & 5th grades	W-203

Youth Classes

6th-12th Grades Sonshine House


Adult Classes (W=Wesley; A=Asbury)

Ark	The 925
Brittain Fellowship	A-101
New Creation	A-203
MD Moore*	W-105
Open Doors*	W-103
Open Fellowship*	A-104
Seekers	A-207

**MEMBERSHIP
INFO!**

**Official Church Membership Requirement from SC
Annual Conference:**

The SC Annual Conference has stated this year that **there will not be an automatic transfer of our current membership** roll to our new church roll after our disaffiliation becomes effective on June 30, 2024. Members who do not make this official transfer will be contacted by a representative of the Annual Conference to help them move their membership to another United Methodist Church in our area. **To remain as an official member of our newly-formed congregation, please indicate your desire to transfer your membership to First Methodist Church Myrtle Beach by obtaining a transfer card from an Usher, complete it, and place it in the offering plate by May 26, 2024.** Your card may also be placed in one of the baskets near the altar. Ushers or staff members have extra cards as needed.

Pastor Joel and Pastor Michelle would like to **thank the 25**  **plus people** who showed up on Monday to prepare for the special mailing regarding membership. The turn-around time was limited, but with so much help we were able to get the mailing out in record time! Well done you "good and faithful servants!"



SUMMER TEACHERS NEEDED!

**SIGN UP TO TEACH A SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS
AND BE BLESSED BY THEM!**

Offer your time, love, faith, and support during the **summer** months (June-August) as a **substitute teacher** for one or more Sundays.

Materials are supplied. Class groups are: **PreK-age 4; K-2nd grades; 3rd-5th grades; and 6th-12 grades.**

For more information, **email or call Pastor Donna**, donna@fumcmb.org or **Derek**, derek@fumcmb.org.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!
Ages 3 years to 5th grade
We **SetSail!** from July 8th-11th
from 5:45-8PM
AND Sunday, July 14th Picnic

REGISTER NOW ONLINE
scan this QR code



Some Adult and Youth shipmates still needed.

Check out the list on the website to volunteer. www.fumcmb.org/vbs-volunteers.html

Contact your Cruise Director, Pastor Donna, donna@fumcmb.org!

A huge THANKS to all the volunteers at Grand Strand Miracle Leagues last Saturday: Cam McCarl, Ron Felts, Carol Anne Felts, Chloe Martins, Geoff Jones, Lesa Jones, John Vehige, Brianna Doremus, Parker Kohler, Michelle Bowers, Neal Bowers, Preston Bowers, Meredith Bowers, Kathy Carillo, Lila Smith, BB Tresslor, Peggy Ecker, Penny Hale, Scott Bowen.





5/12 NO YOUTH GROUP (Mother's Day)
 5/15 7:15AM Youth Prayer Breakfast, Chick-fil-A, Seaboard
 5/19 Graduation Sunday, combined worship, Sanctuary
 followed by Senior luncheon, Wesley Hall
 5/19 5:15PM Youth Group @ North Campus

2024 Senior Scholarship application available. Contact Derek.

6/23-28 Look Up Lodge, Travelers Rest, SC—all spots are full

7/13-20 Salkehatchie Mission Trip, Columbia, SC

Cost is \$250*/student; \$100 deposit due at registration;

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfpcTaAmLxjbNsBOIR5rqtD5N7EYxe08iRZpU3uqNePth8ZQ/viewform)

[e/1FAIpQLSfpcTaAmLxjbNsBOIR5rqtD5N7EYxe08iRZpU3uqNePth8ZQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfpcTaAmLxjbNsBOIR5rqtD5N7EYxe08iRZpU3uqNePth8ZQ/viewform)

*Financial aid scholarships available. Contact derek@fumcmb.org



Children's Church is offered during worship in Wesley room 102 for children ages 4 thru first grade.

First-time parents, please accompany your child/children to check in after the children's message in worship.

EVENTS

CDM and Senior Graduation Sunday May 19th, combined worship in the Sanctuary to recognize all graduates.

Vacation Bible School on July 8-11, 5:45PM-8PM—"Set Sail" with Paul. All children ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to register online at www.fumcmb.org/vbs. Volunteers needed (see prior page).

Children's Sunday, July 14th, 10AM followed by a picnic and inflatables on the front lawn of the church.



Thanks for Your Support!

Financials and Attendance

As of 5/5/2024 (includes online giving):
 Contributions week of: \$ 26,396
 Total Revenue YTD: \$ 557,281
 Total Expenses YTD: \$ 610,598
 Difference YTD: - \$ 53,317

Expenses include monthly apportionments and direct billing.

MISSIONS IMPACT 2024
 Faith Promise: \$ 106,135
 Faith Promise Receipts: \$ 43,855

Presence 5/5/2024
 ♦ Worship in person: 426
 ♦ Worship online: 576
 ♦ Fox TV & promos (Mar. mo. est): 19,360
 ♦ Social Media impressions: 3,455
 ♦ Sunday School: 166

Give electronically with a cell phone. Scan the QR code below with your phone's camera, then tap the link at the top of the screen to open VENMO to give.



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 Facebook.com/FUMCMB Instagram.com/firstchurchmb YouTube.com/@firstchurch6363
 Request The Steeple via email: thesteeple@fumcmb.org
 Televised worship, Sunday mornings—10AM, FOX Channel 7



GRAND STRAND MIRACLE LEAGUE

Everyone had a wonderful time assisting and cheering on the youth as they played softball.

19 volunteer Buddies



Looking Ahead!

- 5/19 Senior/CDM grad. Sunday AND combined worship
- 6/2 Confirmation Sunday
- 6/14 CDM Donuts for Dads
- 6/23-28 Look Up Lodge, Youth
- 6/30 An American Celebration
- 7/8-11 Vacation Bible School
- 7/13-20 Salkehatchie
- 8/10 Yard Sale, FMC Women
- 8/17 Back to School Bash

Happening This Week



SUNDAY, May 12, 2024

- 8:30 AM-- Nursery & Toddlers WESLEY CTR
- 11:15 AM
- 9:00 AM Sunday School ALL AGES
- 9:00 AM Confirmation Class
SONSHINE HOUSE
- 10:00 AM Traditional Worship*
SANCTUARY *Facebook
- 10:00 AM Contemporary Worship^
WESLEY WORSHIP CTR ^YouTube

MONDAY, May 13

- 10:30 AM Sonshiners WESLEY KITCHEN
- 5:00 PM Adult Handbell Rehearsal
WESLEY BLDG
- 6:00 PM SPRC Meeting OFC-2nd FLR

TUESDAY, May 14

- 9:30 AM Staff Meeting Ofc 2nd FLR
- 11:00 AM Tennessee Collier Circle
COVENANT TOWERS
- 3:00 PM Laurrelle-Merchant Circle
PARLOR
- 4:00 PM Sisters in Service Circle
MEMBER HOME
- 4:30 PM Missions Committee
OFC-2nd Floor
- 6:00 PM Cloister Circle
MEMBER HOME

WEDNESDAY, May 15

- 7:15 AM Youth Prayer Breakfast
CHICK-FIL-A, Seaboard St.
- 7:30 AM Women's Prayer Group
PRAYER ROOM
- 9:30 AM MOMCo WESLEY HALL
- 1:30 PM Bible Study THE 925
- 6:30 PM Wesley Chancel Choir
THE CHAPEL

THURSDAY, May 16

- 10:00 AM Caregivers Group PARLOR
- 5:30 PM Band Rehearsal WESLEY HALL

Ministers

Rev. Joel W. McMakin, Senior Pastor Rev. Michelle D. Louk, Associate Pastor
 Rev. Jim Creel, Jr., Associate Pastor, Spiritual Formation
 Rev. Thomas N. Brittain, Pastor Emeritus

First United Methodist Church Myrtle Beach, 901 N Kings Hwy, Myrtle Beach SC
 Church Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday, 8AM-5PM
 North Campus: Thomas N. Brittain Center, 904 65th Ave N, Myrtle Beach SC





Epworth's Annual Mother's Day Offering Sunday, May 12, 2024

Standing in the Gap

Ava* has always been tall for her age, and she loves wearing her hair in a ponytail. She is sweet, playful, and naturally intelligent, but when she first came to live at Epworth as a fifth grader, she lagged far behind her peers in school. She was placed at Epworth after being removed from her home due to physical neglect.

Ava's Epworth team, comprised of tutors, a mental health counselor, house parents, and a faith formation leader, first took the time to get to know her. It became clear to them that Ava needed and craved adult attention and encouragement. Her home had lacked consistent structure and predictability, and she had never felt that anyone took interest in her schoolwork.

Epworth professionals know that they cannot fill the emotional ache left in a child by a parent's absence, but they can make sure that the child receives all the other important things she or he needs to thrive. These needs go well beyond housing and food. Working together, Ava's team came up with an individualized plan to help her catch up and reach her potential in school and gain confidence in her ability to succeed. They helped her build a foundation of trust – in them, in God, and in herself. Over time, Ava's grades improved so dramatically, she began making the Honor Roll. Her personality blossomed, and she began making

friends on campus and at school.

The staff felt deep joy and satisfaction at Ava's turnaround. Unfortunately, when she left the Epworth residential program about a year later and had to transfer to a new school, Ava's academic progress stalled. When she returned to Epworth eight months later, her Epworth team saw that her grades had dropped and a few new behavioral issues had arisen. So the team doubled down on the plan that had been so effective for Ava before – anchoring her day to day life with structure, positive activities, encouragement, and sincere interest in the efforts she was making in school.

Now in the eighth grade, Ava is back on the Honor Roll and truly flourishing. She has abandoned negative behaviors and is a delight to everyone who comes in contact with her. Ava clearly understands now how positive choices and behaviors can help her reach her goals.

You, too, are part of the Epworth team that stands in the gap to care and provide for children when their parents cannot do it. Please make a generous gift today to Epworth's Mother's Day offering knowing you are transforming the futures of precious children like Ava.

**Children's names and photos changed for confidentiality.*



Did you know?

151

Number of children who lived at Epworth last year, each one from our own communities in SC.

313

Number of children served through Epworth's Foster Care Program

100%

Of your Mother's Day Offering provides comprehensive care for the children at Epworth. **Epworth is not an apportioned item in the Annual Conference budget. Mother's Day is your opportunity to support Epworth's ministry.**

2900 Millwood Ave., Columbia, SC 29205 | (803) 256-7394 | Give online @epworthchildrenshome.org



FIRST CHURCH
MYRTLE BEACH

Follow Jesus and Share Him With Others!

_____ **I/We desire to remain** official member/s of this congregation
which will become First Methodist Church of Myrtle Beach,
effective June 30, 2024.

Print Name(s) _____
Date: _____

_____ **I/We desire to transfer** my/our membership to another United
Methodist Church in our area.

_____ **I/We give permission** to provide my/our contact information to the
SC Annual Conference for a representative from the Conference to
contact us about transferring our membership to another United
Methodist Church in our area.

Print Name(s) _____
Date: _____